

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
INFORMATION PAPER**

SERVICE/AGENCY: U. S. NAVY

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT: APN/P-1 # 1, PE/BLI 0204154N/0143

BUDGET ACTIVITY: BA-# 01

SUBJECT: EA-18G Future Requirements

DATE: 27 MAR 14

1. QUESTION/REQUEST: As it relates to the PB15 Navy's Unfunded Priorities List, what is the Navy's rationale/requirement for additional EA-18Gs in FY-15?

RESPONSE: Navy is at the minimum requirement under current procurement objective for EA-18G. The additional 22 EA-18G aircraft would allow the Electronic Attack squadrons (VAQ) assigned to Carrier Air Wings (CVWs) to increase to seven aircraft per squadron from the current number of five per squadron. This increase supports AEA capability in a CVW to reduce risk in a Joint major contingency operation (MCO) environment, including future complex electromagnetic anti-access/area-denial environments.

2. QUESTION/REQUEST: What is the minimum number of EA-18Gs procured in FY 15 that would meet this additional requirement and also sustain the F/A-18E/F and EA-18G production line? Also, what is the required cost associated for those aircraft and support equipment?

RESPONSE: The request submitted in the DoN's Unfunded Priority List was for \$2,142M for total of 22 EA-18G aircraft. Based on information gained from the contractor, it is the Navy's understanding that the purchase of 22 additional EA-18Gs would sustain the production line one year and allow for growth in the current CVW squadrons. The request is for the procurement cost of the aircraft not including initial engine spares. An additional \$22.2M would be required for 6 engine spares. Additional support equipment would not be needed since these aircraft would be distributed to EA-18G squadrons whose current complement of support equipment is sufficient to accommodate the additional aircraft. We are carefully examining what additional funding would be required in future budgets for personnel, operations, and spares to support the increase in aircraft assigned to the squadrons.